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SUBJ: RICHARD SAUNDERS

TODAY'S RAND DAILY MAIL UNDER HEADLINE "MULLER IS SORRY ABOUT JOURNALIST" REPORTS:

"THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. HILGARD MULLER, SAID LAST NIGHT HE WAS SORRY ABOUT THE RECENT INCIDENT INVOLVING A BLACK AMERICAN WRITER AT A DURBAN HOTEL."

"ADDRESSING ABOUT 600 PEOPLE AT A NATIONAL PARTY MEETING IN THE COERTZENBERG STADIUM HE SAID THE INCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF CONSULAR OFFICIALS HAD ARRANGED MATTERS BEFOREHAND."

"HE SAID THE BLACK AMERICAN DID NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS, AND WAS NOT TRAVELLING ON A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT."

FYI USIS, DURBAN HANDLED BOOKINGS FOR THE SAUNDERS AT BLUE WATERS HOTEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH POST'S STANDARD PROCEDURES MAKING BOOKINGS FIRST BY TELEPHONE AND CONFIRMING THEM SUBSEQUENTLY BY LETTER. FOLLOWING IS TEST OF USIS, DURBAN'S LETTER OF MARCH 4 TO BLUE WATERS HOTEL CONFIRMING THOSE BOOKINGS:

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JJI HAVE TO CONFIRM MY TELEPHONE RESERVATION OF TODAY'S DATE AS  
FOLLOWS:

MR. AND MRS. R. SAUNDERS (MR. SAUNDERS IS A PROMINENT BLACK AMERICAN  
- INTERNATIONAL EDITOR OF TOPIC MAGAZINE AND WORLD RENOWNED PHOTO-  
JOURNALIST)."

THE LETTER WAS ON USIS LETTERHEAD STATIONERY AND SIGNED BY CHIEF OF  
USIS, DURBAN, LORETTA VAN SCHALKWYK.

MRS. VAN SCHALKWYK ACCOMPANIED SAUNDERS WHEN THEY CHECKED INTO  
HOTEL AND ACCOMPANIED THEM TO DINNER WITH THE JOURNALISTS AT  
HOTEL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15, WHEN FIRST INCIDENT OCCURED.  
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